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Decisions with regard to action if any on stockpile exceedingly complex

and in the short run mainly psychological and political. They relate to Soviet assessment Western position and German view likely prospective course of action.

Stocks now in Berlin satisfy requirements of current policy. Dept had considered possibility of augmenting stockpile, queried Bonn which opposed. On balance, therefore, Dept believes action should not be taken this time, but funds available kept on reserve to meet future contingencies.

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